

Amendments

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121 and 37 CFR §1.116, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as set forth below.

1. (Currently amended) Multi-way adjustment device for adjusting ~~the~~ a rest width of a seat, the multi-way adjustment device comprising
a mounting plate,
an adjusting part which is mounted so as to be displaceable relative to the mounting plate and is to be coupled with a rest portion of the seat, and
an adjusting unit for displacing the adjusting part relative to the mounting plate in a first adjustment direction and a second adjustment direction, whereby one of the first and second adjustment directions is for reducing the rest width and the other of the first and second adjustment directions is for increasing the rest width,
whereby the adjusting part is coupled with mechanical energy storage means in such a way that, when the adjusting part is displaced in the first adjustment direction relative to the mounting plate, mechanical energy is absorbed by the mechanical energy storage means, whereas a displacement of the adjusting part in the second adjustment direction relative to the mounting plate is assisted by the release of the mechanical energy previously absorbed by the mechanical energy storage means.

2. (Previously presented) Multi-way adjustment device as claimed in claim 1,

characterised in that the first adjustment direction is essentially opposite to the second adjustment direction.

3. (Previously presented) Multi-way adjustment device as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the adjusting unit is electro-mechanically operated.

4. (Previously presented) Multi-way adjustment device as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the adjusting part comprises a first end portion to be coupled with the rest portion and a second end portion to be coupled with the mechanical energy storage.

5. (Previously presented) Multi-way adjustment device as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the mechanical energy storage means are coupled on the one hand with the adjusting part and on the other hand with the mounting plate.

6. (Previously presented) Multi-way adjustment device as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the mechanical energy storage means has at least one resiliently elastic element which absorbs mechanical energy when the adjusting part is displaced in the first adjustment direction and releases mechanical energy when the adjusting part is adjusted in the second adjustment direction.

7. (Previously presented) Multi-way adjustment device as claimed in claim 6,

characterised in that the at least one resiliently elastic element is designed and disposed so that it is tensioned as the adjusting part is displaced in the first adjustment direction and relaxed when the adjusting part is displaced in the second adjustment direction.

8. (Previously presented) Multi-way adjustment device as claimed in claim 5, characterised in that the mechanical energy storage means comprises two resiliently elastic elements, one of which resiliently elastic elements is disposed along a longitudinal side of the adjusting part.

9. (Previously presented) Multi-way adjustment device as claimed in claim 4, characterised in that the mechanical energy storage means has at least one resiliently elastic element which absorbs mechanical energy when the adjusting part is displaced in the first adjustment direction and releases mechanical energy when the adjusting part is adjusted in the second adjustment direction, and in that the at least one resiliently elastic element is coupled on the one hand with the second end portion of the adjusting part and on the other hand with the mounting plate.

10. (Previously presented) Multi-way adjustment device as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the adjusting part is of an elongate design with a middle portion disposed between a first end portion and a second end portion and the adjusting part is mounted so as to be displaceable on the mounting plate by means of the middle portion.

11. (Previously presented) Multi-way adjustment device as claimed in claim 10,

characterised in that the first and second end portions of the adjusting part have a bigger width than the middle portion.

12. (Currently amended) Seat with a multi-way adjustment device as claimed in claim 1 for adjusting ~~a~~ the rest portion of ~~a~~ the seat.

13. (Currently amended) Use of a multi-way adjustment device as claimed in claim 1 for adjusting the rest width of ~~a~~ the seat.

14. (Previously presented) Adjustment device for a cable pull, comprising:
a housing, wherein the cable pull is displaceably mounted relative to the housing, and
an adjusting unit for adjusting the cable pull relative to the housing,
wherein the cable pull is coupled to mechanical energy storage means in such a way that on adjustment of the cable pull in a first adjustment direction, mechanical energy is taken up by the mechanical energy storage means, while an adjustment of the cable pull takes place in a second adjustment direction assisted by the release of previously taken up mechanical energy from the mechanical energy storage means,
wherein the first adjustment direction corresponds to a releasing of the cable pull and the second adjustment direction corresponds to a tensioning of the cable pull.

15. (Previously presented) Adjustment device as claimed in claim 14,

characterised in that the cable pull is provided in the form of a Bowden wire and comprises a wire mounted so as to be displaceable in a sleeve, which wire is coupled with the mechanical energy storage means.

16. (Previously presented) Adjustment device as claimed in claim 15, characterised in that the sleeve is supported on the housing of the adjustment device and the wire is guided in the interior of the housing, where it is coupled with the mechanical energy storage means.

17. (Previously presented) Adjustment device as claimed in claim 15, characterised in that the first adjustment direction corresponds to a slackening of the Bowden wire and the second adjustment direction corresponds to a tensioning of the Bowden wire.

18. (Previously presented) Adjustment device as claimed in claims 14, characterised in that the adjusting unit is electrically operated.

19. (Previously presented) Adjustment device as claimed in claim 14, characterised in that the adjusting unit can be manually operated.

20. (Previously presented) Adjustment device as claimed in claim 14, characterised in that the mechanical energy storage means are coupled with the housing of the adjustment device.

21. (Currently amended) Adjustment device as claimed in claim 14, characterised in that the mechanical energy storage means comprise at least one resiliently elastic element which absorbs mechanical energy when the cable pull is displaced in the first adjustment direction and releases mechanical energy when the ~~the~~ cable pull is displaced in the second adjustment direction.

22. (Previously presented) Adjustment device as claimed in claim 21, characterised in that the at least one resiliently elastic element is designed and disposed so that it is tensioned when the cable pull is displaced in the first adjustment direction and relaxed when the cable pull is displaced in the second adjustment direction.

23. (Original) Lumbar support comprising a Bowden wire coupled therewith and an adjustment device as claimed in claim 14 coupled with the Bowden wire for adjusting the lumbar support by displacing the Bowden wire.

24. (Original) Use of an adjustment device as claimed in claim 14 for adjusting a lumbar support.